AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph starting on page 16, line 15 as follows.

Further, as described later, where the idler gear 4 is swung from the reel gear 31a toward the intermediate gear 7, by simply rotating the input gear 5 in the inverse direction (direction in which the contact area between the idler gear 4 and input gear 5 moves toward the intermediate gear 7), the rotating torque can be generated in the rotating direction of the input gear 5 (direction toward the intermediate gear 7) at the contact area between the input gear 5 and idler gear 4. Therefore, the idler gear 4 rotates in the inverse direction to which it has been driving ~~the reel~~ the reel gear 31a, and the swing arm 10 rotates to move from the reel gear 31a to the intermediate gear 7. Further, since the idler gear 4 is kept in contact with at least one of the reel gear 31a and intermediate gear 7, where the idler gear 4 rotates to move toward the intermediate gear 7 in the inverse direction to which the idler gear 4 has been driving the reel gear 31a, the idler gear 4 is kicked out from the reel gear 31a at the contact area between the idler gear 4 and the reel gear 31a. At the same time, the idler gear 4 bites the intermediate gear 7 at the contact area between the idler gear 4 and the intermediate gear 7. After the idler gear 4 has bitten the intermediate gear 7 so that the teeth 6 and 17 mesh with each other (FIG. 2), as in the case where the reel gear 31a and idler gear 4 have been in contact with each other, by rotation of the input gear, the rotating torque for pressing the swing arm 10 and idler gear 4 in the direction of the rotating direction (direction toward the intermediate gear 7) of the idler gear at the contact area between the idler gear 5 and idler gear 4 can be generated. Therefore, the idler gear 4 can be kept in contact with the intermediate gear 7.

Please amend the paragraph starting on page 18, line 5, as follows.

In the video cassette recorder 1 (FIG. 1) shown in FIGS. 1 to 4, where the reel 2a is driven (the reel gear 31a is driven), as described previously, the input gear 5 rotates so that the contact area between the idler gear 4 and the input gear 5 moves from the intermediate gear 7 toward the reel gear 31a. Further, where the reel 2b is driven (intermediate gear 7 is driven), the input gear 5 rotates so that the contact area between the idler gear 4 and the input gear 5 moves from the reel gear 31a toward the intermediate gear 7. In this case, by the rotation of the input gear 5, the torque of pressing the swing arm 10 and idler gear 4 to move in the rotating direction

of the input gear 5 can be generated. Thus, where the reel gear 31a or intermediate gear 7 is driven, the idler gear 4 is surely kept in mesh with the reel gear 31a or intermediate gear 7.